sequently proved worthless.

I exceedingly regret that the Collector, after extending such kindness and courtesy in the administration of his office, should be subjected to the hazards of a loss, still it is less to be deprecated than the forfeiture of the goods of innocent purchasers at a public sale, when occasioned by the liberal administration of his office. Taking all the circumstances into consideration I am of opinion that the petitioners have not incurred a forfeiture, and are entitled to the possession of the property on the payment of the duties.

The Court, therefore, order a peremptory mandamus,

directed to the Collector General of Customs to be is-

Mr. Harris for the petitioners. Mr. A. B. Bates for the Collector of Customs. December 22d, 1859.

THE POLYNESIAN.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1859.

By Authority.

Ir has pleased His Majesty the King to appoint Saturday, the 31st of December inst., as a day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the many mercies bestowed upon this people; and all His loving subjects are hereby recommended to a due and proper observ-

M. KEKUANAOA, His Majesty's Chamberlain. CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, 17th Dec., 1859.

We expected that our views on the liquor question would have awakened opinions different from ours, whether spread upon the pretentious pages of the Advertiser, or the more modest but equally one-sided Friend. We wrote for the English-speaking portion of the population whose education, whether from books or in the ruder school of practical experience, will, at some sensible moment of their lives, bring the conviction home to their minds that we are right in the position we have taken. We did not write for the Hawaiian-speaking majority of the population, whose ignorance of the English language-though not through their fault-prevents them from knowing all the facts in the case, and, consequently, the different deductions which such a knowledge necessitates. There are gentlemen however of foreign birth and education-to whom all the sources of knowledge on the subject are accessible-and who, to please themselves and to benefit the native, write to him in his own-language, and yet promulgate such silly, untruthful and mischievous nonsense as the following in the Hokuloa for December:

"If the rum spreads over this country, the little good which remains to us will be nearly lost. This is something very bad-something to kill the people both body and soul. Great shame on us, if the foreigner should call our land a rum-loving country! There- forgiven your debtors, well-" the least said may perfore let us rise like true men, and choose representatives who will oppose this evil," etc.

Now, when we know that the object of such rhapsodies is to prevent the distillation of rum on the sugar plantations and the manufacture of okolehao under proper excise regulations; when we know further that such distortion of fact and sentiment is not a guage of native knowledge, but of foreign prejudice-we are irresistibly reminded of the fate of the blind leading the blind. When we are told that in the very district, Koolaupoko, where such editorial fantasies were penned; that in the very village and within a stone's throw of that very new church where the late revivals in Koolaupoko had their center or greatest activity; that there okolehao, without the authority of a license or even the restriction of an excise, is retailed out by a reputed foreigner disguised as a darkey, to the tune of some two hundred and fifty bottles a day sometimes, at a dollar per bottle; the largest and most active distilleries of okolehao of it. in full blast, braving the law and defying proof of their activity; when this takes place almost under | been appointed by His Majesty as a day of Thanksgivlive remote hear of these things, and know also the us observe the behest, and gratefully acknowledge the them, we cannot cease to admire the naive simplicity with which the editors of the Hokuloa ignore | and we pray it may prove all this, and call upon the people to elect representatives who will oppose the only legal means open to us to take the sting out of this evil and to lessen its reproach, by enabling the manufacturer, under a proper excise, to find a legal market for export or consumption of his spirits, instead of his resorting to such an illicit and demoralizing traffic, of which that remarkable district of Koolaupoko is represented as being the theater; by depriving stolen pleasures of their sweetness; by cheapening the article; and finally depriving the smuggler of that sympathy, connivance and profit which, through some perverted reasoning of the human mind, he invariably finds wherever the character of the laws are sumptuary or prohibitory of anything the use or abuse of which is a question of political institutions and social habits and modes of thought.

Hokuloa, apparently unconcious that the tune and the language of the present laws are pitched so monstrously high, that the well disposed have no sympathy with them, and the evil disposed are faith in God to season them. creeping through beneath, without " let or hind-

When attempting to discuss politics to the native, why not give him the whole truth and both sides of a question?

Naval.

On Sunday morning last the Russian Government steamer Plastoon, Capt. Matskiewitch, arrived in 40 days from Hakodadi, Japan. We understand that two more Russian steamers will shortly arrive from Japan. The destination of all these vessels is said to be homeward, via Cape Horn.

The following is the list of officers of the Plustoon. for which we are indebted to Messrs. Hackfeld & Co.

Jan. 2nd, the attendance of the jurymen on the

Supreme Court will not be required until Tuesday

morning next, at the usual hour, nine o'clock.

Captain-Matskiewitch. First Lieut,-Baron von Dusterloh. W. de Carstensen. F. Litke. E. Berezia,

W. Lehman N. Sedletsky. First Master-M. Ewdokymoff, Second Master .- A Kotchetoff. Doctor .- A. Wuischeslaozoff.

Supreme Court-January Term. We are requested to state that, owing to the election of Representatives to the next Legislature being held at the Court-House on Monday next,

PAST WEEK.

Happy New Year.

Very respected and very venerable public,-for howver editors may change or be singed like moths at a candle, still the public remains as vigorous and as inuisitive in its green old age as ever it was in its innocent days, when Adam and Eve passed the compliments of the Season, and the apple went round with its fatal gift. Dear public, collect yourself a moment ; throw your Christmas toys and your visiting cards aside, take off your slippers, uncover your head, for this night you will cross the threshold of the New YEAR and stand-the good God and your own conscience best know how you will stand it-within the portals of that mysterious future, on whose dimly lighted dome is inscribed your destiny; it may be in pink and green, it may be within a black border. We invited you last week to this meeting and, now that we have met, let us make good use of the moments. Let us look in upon ourselves; perhaps we did not do so last Sunday, perhaps we have not done so for months,-the longer the interval the greater the need,-and ask ourselves why judgment should not be passed upon us in the coming year for our sins and ingratitude during the past. Do we approach that Isis veil, which none has lifted and none can rend, do we take out a new lease of earthly life and earthly happiness, with that chastened spirit and that humble trust, in which they should be approached and enjoyed? Have we succored the needy, have we righted the wronged; have we extinguished the flames of hatred; have we poured oil on the festering spirit ;-have we forgiven as we hope to be for-

We are not at all inquisitive, dear public, and we are not attempting a patent sermon ; you have your secrets and we have our's ; but the sooner you bestow minute on a similar self-examination (if you have not done it already) the better will it be for your health, most decidedly, and the more at ease will you feel through the unknown passages of the coming year; for a light heart makes a light work, and he who keeps his own window glasses tolerably clean, is pretty sure of catching a streak of sunshine sometime when it is

We hope there is none of our readers so terribly righteous, so spotlessly just, as to consider our advice as an impertinence, or himself as exempted from its application. If any such unfortunate there be, let us pray for him publicly: he may claim kindred with the spirits above, he may belong to the spirits below, but in humanity, with its woes and its hopes, he has neither " art nor part."

Now taking for granted that you have performed this ecessary little preliminary with as good a grace as possible; that as a matter of change (if through no worthier motive) you have scrubbed and pipe-clayed our own bandoleer, instead of criticising that of you neighbor ;-that you have settled with your creditorswhether you did so through a sense of duty or to escape costs of court and lawyers' fees ;-that you have haps be the soonest mended " under that head, but we never knew but one man who did it, and he was "a publican and a sinner"-taking all this for granted, we salute you, dear public, and wish you the happiest of

New Years and many returns of the day ! Some editors amuse their readers and gratify their own vanity by summing up, on occasions like this, the events of the past and predicting those of the coming year. If you have read the papers, you know what has transpired in the world; and if you have not, it is too late now to pore over the past when the present is claiming all your attention. And, as to what regards the future, we have implicit faith that God's providence will continue to watch over this country, its rulers and its people, and we are willing to leave soothsaying and divination, whether in political grounds or coffeegrounds, to the more congenial atmosphere of another

We make no apology for obtruding our previous remarks upon the reader; for we look upon time, and a whole year full of time, as a most precious gift from when in that very same district there are two of God to man; and those who receive it should be worthy

To-day, the closing day of the old year, has fitly the very noses of the editors, and when we who ing to Almighty God for his manifold blessings. Let impotency of the present liquor laws to redress hand that has led us safely through the labyrinths and pitfalls of the past to the very threshold of the new,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To whom it may concern. By a gentleman lately returned from Kona, Iawaii, we learn that the new church and schoolhouse erected at _____, on the borders of the North and South Kona districts, have been finished that services have been held in the church to good and attentive audiences, but that the school is vacant through the difficulty of obtaining a teacher. There are a number of interesting children in that eighborhood, both native and half-caste, whose parents are anxious and willing to aid in the support of a teacher competent to keep an English school, but none can be had on account of the extravagant opinions about wages with which competent young men and women are entertaining themselves. We do think that among all the Missionary children there should be no want of material to " If the rum spreads over the country," says the fill the places which age and infirmities make vacant among their parents; nor want of that spirit with which these went to work to instruct the people, with the bare necessaries of life as their wages, and

> It is sad, it is sickening to reflect that the neglect and want of instruction now, may prepare a lifelong crop of misery and sin in those young minds, whose errors and whose ruin must always in some degree be attributed to the indolence or exorbitance of those who could, and would not lend a helping

> We commend the subject to the Board of Educa tion. We know it is bestirring itself just now in behalf of English schools, and hope it will ever take the liberal rather than the literal construction of its duties, should the two ever clash, whatever be the outcry raised by the opposition journal about the Government "prostituting its funds to sustain" (public schools and cheapen education?) " and thus

take the bread from the hands of industry." The Funeral of J., W. P. Kinau

Took place on Tuesday afternoon last from the residence of His Excellency the Governor of Oahu. The remains of the deceased Chief were escorted by a battalion of the Household Guards, and followed by Her Majesty the Queen, members of the Royal Family and of the King's Government, and one of the largest corteges of mourners that ever wound its sad way through the streets of Honolulu. The coffin was deposited in the Royal Cemetery, adjoining the Palace, where rest the ancestors and kindred of the deceased.

The Frances Palmer sails for San Francisco this day at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Concert.

The grand vocal and instrumental concert (sacred and secular) given by Messrs. Hasslocher and Waldau. and in which they were assisted by the members of the Amateur Musical Society of Honolulu," came off on Thursday evening, at the Fort Street Church. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the building was well filled, both floor and gallery; and the heating of the storm outside was a grand, though unexpected, accompaniment to "the Heavens are Telling "-from Haydn's sublime composition " Creation."

We cannot forego this opportunity to congratulate the Amateur Musical Society upon the acquisition they have made in Messrs. Hasslocher and Waldau, who, independent of their own high standing as musicians of no ordinary ability, deserve great credit for the care, assiduity and success with which they have labored to perfect and harmonise the musical elements of the society and imbued it with a spirit of progress which we hope will not soon wane.

We are not competent to give a detailed review of the concert, and, as we write for the many who can appreciate the harmony of sweet sounds although unable to call them by their particular or technical name, we will give the verdict of the many, and that is one of pleasure and gratification not often enjoyed. The chorus pieces were rendered with a preci-ion and brilliancy that reflect the highest credit on the vocal attainments and severe training of the individual members of the Society. And among the solos there were many sweet pieces, and charmingly sung, but the gem of the evening was a serenade, solo soprano, music by Hasslocher and Waldau, sung by-well, reader, if you were there, you know, and if you were not, it is your loss, for you should have been, and we have no authority to publish names when ladies and gentlemen of independent position and refined tastes choose to admit the public to their parlour amusements for the purpose of aiding some benevolent object or worthy individ

A Christmas Party. There are reunions to which memory clings with undiminished fondness and delight for years, or until the next supersedes the last of the same sort. We refer, of course, to the gathering of juveniles, with a respectable sprinkling of older heads, on Tuesday evening last, at the residence of Capt. G. H. Luce, Little Britain, Waikiki Plains. It was a Christmas Gathering and a Christmas Carol. It was an embodiment of "the good time coming," to which a child looks forward, through the weary vista of the year, with a hope and a patience that would become a saint and shame a mortal. To say that the children were perfectly delighted, does not express half of the enjoyment which they experienced. Grateful for all the kindness, cakes and fruits which passed around with Christmas prodi gr'ity, there was one transaction which the children will not forget for one whole year, if ever. We refer to the performance, on an extemporized stage, by Mr. R. as the Wizard and Mr. D. as his Familiar. Many of the tricks performed by Prof. Anderson were repeated with an applomb and success that brought the young audience to its feet with delight and astonishment. And the inexhaustible portfolio, which contained Christmas presents for every body, was the ne plus ultra of the Magician's powers and the children's vivid satisfaction.

It was a pleasant party, pleasantly spent, and after the children had retired, the grown-up guests enjoyed a soirce dansante until a late hour.

Supreme Court.

We are under obligation to the Clerk of the above Court for the following abstract of the criminal calendar, civil cases &c., which will claim the attention of the court and the jury at the session commencing on Tuesday next.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

The King vs. Chas. S. Horton-manslaughter. The King vs. Mokulau-burglary and larceny. The King vs. John Walsh-assault with dangerous

The King es. Ahio, Chinaman-Murder. The King vs. Apah (Chinaman)-Attempted arson. The King vs. Kia-burglary and larceny.

The King vs. Ahchee and Ahchiun (Chinamen)-CIVIL CASES.

Kaopus vs. John Ii-Assault. Jos. Fallon vs. H. Robinson and J. S. Walker-Assumpsit. D. M. Weston vs. T. Metcalf .- Assumpsit.

Kaopua and Nahua vs. John li-Ejectment.

Chas. W. Rand vs. Charlotte Coady-Assumpsit. P. Kanoa vs. J. Kaona-Assumpsit. Hanuu vs. C. A. Williams, Mitchell and Green-As-

Kake vs. C. S. Horton-Damages.

APPEALS, CIVIL.

John Meek and J. Holt vs. Kaupu et alias-Trespass. SITTINGS IN BANCO. L. Kamehameha vs. Kahookano et alias-Trespass.

Accident to the Clipper Ship "Black Sea."

This fine ship which had been detained about a week by southerly wind, while leaving port on the afternoon of the 30th, ran aground in the channel. The clipper ship Daring which had also been waiting for several

days to proceed to sea, parted her moorings on the night previous, and obstructed the passage, but having with the aid of the steamer warped a little out of the channel, it was thought sufficient room was given for ships to pass her. The trade wind was blowing fresh at the time, and though the Black Sea was under easy sail, she would not readily obey her helm. On passing the Daring, she struck her stern slightly and run over on to the left bank of the channel, grounding heavily. After an hour's exertion she was successfully hauled off as the tide was making, and if on inspection no damage was done to her bottom, she will depart to-day.

Lee's National Circus.

This pleasant resort of fun and amusement has continued to be filled nightly notwithstanding the severe weather of the past week. This evening the company perform, for the last time in Honolulu. previous to their departure for Tahiti and Valparaiso. It is the benefit of the Spanish Clown, Mr. Teoflu Manzo, a gentleman whose endeavors to please the public will liberally recognize.

Fort Street Church.

We understand that the above Association is prospering materially as well as spiritually. On Monday last the annual sale of pews took place, and brought in over \$3,000.

Thanks.

Messrs. McRuer & Merrill, of San Francisco, Capt. Simonton, of clipper ship Daring, and Mr. J. A. Daley, of Honolulu, will accept our thanks for late papers from San Francisco and the Atlantic States.

Postponement.

The sale of Furniture advertised to take place today at the residence of H. M. Whitney, Esq., is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

Mistakes in Percentage.

We published last week a paragraph with this head ing, which we clipped from the Boston Commercial Bulletin of a late date. In the same journal, received last mail, we find the following remarks, taken from the Albany Statesman, which, in copying the paragraph alluded to, says that, " there are some merchants that make queer work of reckoning percentage, but we believe they seldom err against themselves " and tells the following story by illustration of this remark :

"We know a country merchant from the northern part of this State, who had for several years bought goods of a firm in New York, always paying his bills promptly, and never asking for any favors. One day member of the city firm, taking advantage of a little eisure, thought he would post himself on the business, habits, etc., of his customer. He was answered very promptly by the countryman, that he had started with a thousand dollars capital-had no income but from his store, and a family of five to feed, clothe, etc. 'Of course you make good profits?' half querried the city 'Oh, yes, I always make one per cent.,' was the answer. City man made a mental calculation of one per cent. on the capital, turning it three times a year, out couldn't figure up enough to balance what he thought must be the current expenses. 'One per cent.' ne exclaimed, 'why you can't pay freight out of that!' But I do, though, and make a good living, and money to boot,' was the astenishing rejoinder, made with an air of earnestness that left no doubt. City merchant made another mental calculation, but was no nearer being satisfied, and probably would have went on casting it up to this day, had not his customer explained that by 'one per cent." he meant selling at \$2 what he paid \$1 for."

Passengers for the Guano Islands.

A. Mitchell, Esq., of the firm of C. A. Williams & Co., and Dr. R. H. Drysdele, Chemist, sailed resterday in the Agate, and will take a tour among the different islands claimed by the Phœnix Island Guano Company. Mr. E. C. Pope. late Purser of the Yankee, also accompanies them, and it is intended that he shall remain there in charge of one of the principal islands, as Governor.

Who wouldn't have one!

We were pleased to see on sale, at Messrs. von Holt & Heuck's store, a series of landscape paintings, in Indian ink and in water colors, of many a charming and wellknown spot on these islands. They are by the hand of Mr. P. Emmert and are bijous of art in his happiest manner. Who, residing here, would not procure one

FOREIGN NEWS.

By the arrival of the clipper ship Daring, Capt Simonton, on Saturday last, in 16 days from Sar Francisco, we have received the regular Atlantic Mail of Nov. 5, of which we received a few papers n advance by the Frances Pulmer. Our California dates are to December 8th, and contain the intelligence brought by the "Overland Mail" to Nov. 14, from St. Lous, and Oct. 27 from Liverpool.

The Milwaukee arrived at San Francisco on the 7th December, in 28 days, hence.

The Comet, Capt. J. Smith, would leave about the 15th inst., and is looked for daily with the New York Mails of the 20th Nov.

The news is very little, and less important.

United States.

THE HARPER'S FERRY PRISONERS .- The Harper's Ferry trials were over, and the excitement through the country had pretty much subsided.

The Secretary of War has isued orders to Capt. Ricketts. at Baton Rouge, to march immediately, with his artillery company, to Brownsville, Texas, to punish the Mexican outlaws under Cortinas.

The Republicans have carried New York and Massachusetts. They have elected their Governor and a majority in one branch of the Legislature in New Jersey; and have gained, as far as heard from in Wisconsin. Two sermons were preached in New York on the John Brown rebellion-one by Dr. Cheever, of the Church of the Puritans, the other by the Rev. H. H. Blair, of the Associated Presbyterian Church. The remarks of the first named divine were couched in his

usual style of bitter invective against slavery and a slavery ridden church and closed with the declaration, that if "the men of peace will not apply God's law against the sin of slave holding, in the shape of argument and earnest truth, the men of war will put it in the shape of bullets, and fight it out." Mr. Blair was more quiet in his language, but none the less severe in his denunciation of the Kansas proslavery outrages which made John Brown what he is,

and finally lead to the Harper's Ferry outrage. He drew a parallel between Moses and John Brown, contending that Brown had been to the negro race what Moses was to the Israelites.

CIVIL SUIT FOR CRUELTY ON THE HIGH SEAS .-Andrews Foga commenced a suit in the fourth District Court yesterday afternoon against George A Smith, Captain of the whale ship Fabius. He charges that in May last, on the high seas, he was assaulted by Captain Smith, choked and beaten with the fists. He further charges that the captain ordered and caused him to be seized, stripped, lashed to the rigging of the ship and besten with a rope end on various parts of the naked body; and he further alleges that the strokes and blows were so severe as to make him sick and lame. He claims \$5,000 damages. It will be recollected that the plaintiff in this case is one of the crew of the Fabius, who are under bonds in the U. S. Circuit Court for mutiny.

Dates are received from Liverpool to 2d November, five days later than previous intelligence.

CONDITION OF EUROPE QUESTION .- The most important feature of the news is a letter from Napoleon to Victor Emanuel, urging him to assent to the Villa franca arrangement of the treaty of peace between France and Austria. Among other things, Napoleon makes the following demands: That the Duke of Modena shall be recalled to his State; that the Duchy of Palma shall be united to Piedmont; that Tuscany shall be augmented in teritory, and restored to the Grand Duke : and that the projected Confederation of the State of Italy shall, with moderate reforms, be carried out.

Garibaldi had arrived at Turin, to hold an interview with the King Victor Emanuel. His reception along the route had been most enthusiastic. He everywhere received expressions of the faith of the people in his course, and their reliance in him to exert all his influonce with the King in their favor.

The Zurich Conference, had re-assembled to take final action on the treaties agreed upon between France and Austria in respect to Italy. Count Karatilye represented Austria in the Conference, in place of Count Collorado, deceased. All the treaties would be signed within four days.

It was asserted that the Congress of the Powers would take place with the adhesion of England. The Duke de Padus had been removed from the French Ministry of the Interior, and Bumault had been

The Paris corespondent of the London News says the recent meeting of the Emperor of Russia and the Prince Regent of Prussia, was subject of great anxiety in Paris. The general impression there was that they agreed not to oppose the annexation of Central Italy to Piedmont. THE ANGLO-CHINESE EXPEDITION. - Arrangements

for a combined expedition with France and England against China had been completed, and departure fixed for the first fortnight of February. The French Government had ordered one hundred

gun-boats, mounted with 25 guns each, to be completed with the utmost dispatch. The U. S. frigate Wabash was at Naples

Lord Brougham had been elected Chancelor of the University of Edinburgh. The widow of the late Sir Robert Peel is dead.

The New York Clipper publishes a letter from J. Gib eon, dated London, October 21, stating that on that day a match had been concluded at the office of Beil's Life in London, between Heenan, and Sayers, for the championship of England, the champion's belt and \$1,000. In order that this match should be made, Aaron Jones forfeited to Sayers the \$250 he had put up, on condition that Sayers should fight Heenan The fight to take place in England in June next, though the precise day was not fixed. The match was looked forward to in England with extraordinary interest.

The Paris Constitutionel says that France will not submit to the action of England in the Suez canal affairs. MADRID, October 24 .- Orders have been given to the troops which are to join the expeditionary army against Morocco. Marshal O'Donnel will start at the end of the week.

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| New York, | | | * | | Nov | 12 | Victoria, V. | I., | | | | Nov 2 |

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1859. The business of the past week has been mostly of a retail character. The closing of the year brings with it the usual settling of traders' accounts as far as practicable, and the summing

The clipper ship During arrived on the 24th, bringing the mail of Nov. 5th and San Francisco advices to the 8th Dec. She is chartered to load guano at Baker's Island at \$12 50 per ton, and sailed hence yesterday. News were received of the arrival of the Milicaukee, but the Architect had not got in. The former had 25 days' passage. The clipper bark Comet was reported to leave on the 15th for this via Hillo, for which place she had freight and

spars and lumber from Port Townsend, put into port this week to renair damages to rudder, which she has completed and will sail to-morrow. The Peruvian bark Josefu Allyon also arrived leaking badly. She is said to be overladen and has strained her upper works. She will discharge and sell 150 tons guano. She is guano loaded and bound for China.

The back Version will sail for Lahaina to-morrow, and will take about 2500 bbls, sweet potatoes from thence to San Francisco. Her copper has been repaired, and she will go under command of Capt, King,

There will be found in to-day's issue a judgment of the Supreme Court against the Collector General, which we are informed will for repairs. result in a loss to him of shout \$100 the amount of entries on the whaleship Morea, provided the parties do not choose to pay them, as the Collector General holds himself liable. For the future, it is to be presumed, that that gentleman will look out for No. 1, even if at a little loss of the disposition to oblige which Dec I in a heavy sea, carried away the pintles and lost the relhas always characterized that officer, and made his well known courtesy proverbial among our merchants.

The Eastern mail brought the news of the sailing of the ship Suren on the 31st Oct, for Honolulu. A list of her cargo we ther the whole passage. Leaks hadly, being overloaded, and put publish elsewhere. The bark D. Godfrey was to sail about 10th

In regard to the shipment of wool, etc., received ex Chapin, Messrs. Grinnell, Minturn & Co. write under date of Nov. 1 :-We have examined the wool received per Chapin, and find it to be fine in quality and of a description which will always find a ready sale here. The shrinkage however by washing will probably amount to 55 per cent. The hide market continues very much depressed, and all kinds have declined in price. Those from your islands we cannot quote at over 17c; California dry hides have fallen 22%@23c, the last an outside figure. It is found in shipments from your port that 30 to 45 per cent are Bulls, which are of an inferior quality and command a much less price. Goat skins averaging 1% to 2 lbs, sell readily at 70c, or about 35c per D. Cocoanut oil moving at 10c@ 10%c P D. Old metal 13%c@15c."

Our market quotations are the same as last week, and we have no report of any transactions of importance to give. The "Prices Current" are published on another page.

Exchange.-Whalers' sales \$4,500 at 1 per cent. premium; on San Francisco par to % per cent, premium

Proposals will be received at the U.S. Consulate up to 2 o'clock P. M. of to-morrow (31st) for its bills on the U. S. Government. CUSTON HOUSE VALUATION OF FOREIGN COINS FOR DUTIES -The the Minister of Finance and the Collector General of Customs on this subject, and it will be seen that the reply of the Minister supports the ground taken by the Collector General and this journal in its last issue, and for once the Advertiser is wrong in its opinion advanced that the position taken by the Collector was | Boards, ft ...

COLLECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, 1 His Ex. D. L. Gregg, Minister of Finance:

whether the rates prescribed by you, in accordance with Sec. 1486, for foreign coins, shall also be the rate at which invoices in sterling or French currency shall be reduced to federal. The rate of exchanging sterling to federal money established by Cusom and approved by the Finance Department hitherto has been 50d-\$1 or £1-\$4 80. This rate seems to me as far more equitable than the one now c'aimed. Referring to my letter of July 11th, I have the honor to ask your instructions in regard to exchanging sterling, French and

German currencies to our standard, and remain

Your obedient servant, W. GOODALE. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,) Dec. 28, 1859. Sin :-- After as full a consideration as was practicable of subject presented in your letter of the 16th inst., I am unable to ive any reason for innovation upon the existing rules of

Custom House exchanges. The law, as it now stands, prescribes an ad calorem impost of This rate of duty the Government is absolutely entitled to receive upon every invoice entered at the Custom House. An invoice in sterling or francs, or marcs banco, must therefor pay in our ports, five per cent. on its exchangable value. In other words, the currency of the Custom House, should be

currency of exchange, based on the legal standard of the country, which is the American dollar, The value affixed by Treasury orders to specific foreign coins, oes not affect this principle. While it is the undoubted right of does not affect this principle. the Government to specify the rates at which it will receive the inage of other countries in its own interior transactions, it does not follow that exchanges in the payment of duties are to be gov-

erned by the same rule. Such exchanges should be so regulated as to secure the uni-form ad valorem duty imposed by law. This must be accom-plished by some definite rule of exchange—such as now exists— or else by a regulation that nothing but the standard coin of the country can be received in payment of duties.

Very respectfully yours, D. L. GREGG W. GOODALE, Esq., Collector General of Customs, etc., etc. D. L. GREGG.

FOREIGN OIL MARKETS.

NEW BEDFORD, Nov. 1. - Sperm-The demand noticed in our last continued through the early part of the week, and sales to the extent of 4605 bbis were made in this market. We quote :-2870 bbls at 135 cents, and 100 do at 138 cents per gallon for export, and to the trade 440 bbis at 135 cents; 300 do at 137 cents, 800 bbis at a price not transpired, and 45 do dark at 120 cents per gallon. Also 50 bbis Head Matter at 145 cents. The demand seems to have been supplied for the present, and the market closes without further inquiry. Stock on hand in the Country Cet 31st 1859 17 200. Oct. 31st, 1859, 17,926. Whale—Has been more quiet since our last, and the transactions confined to 100 bbls at 50 cents, 400 do at 49 cents, 100 do

at 48 cents, and 340 do dark at 42% cents per gallon. Whalebone—Is quiet and without transactions. NEW YORE, Oct. 30. - Whalebone-With light receipts, and a Cheese, cs., good export demand, the stock is steadily diminishing and the Cheese, csk.

market remains firm; a considerable portion of the supply count- | Currants, cak

ed stock we understand has been sold and is waiting sh The sales are 6:000 Bs South Sea at 70 cents, 3500 Bs do 7 6000 Bs North West Coast 75:278; 2000 Bs short Ochotak 70, 75; 3600 Bs long do 82; and 1500 Bs Arctic, 90, cash.—[8]

ASTRONOMICAL.

PHASES OF THE MOON IN JANUARY d h m s First Quarter, 1 00 16 27 A.M. New Moon, ... 22 01 45 21 P.M. Full Moon, ... 8 04 51 21 A.M. First Quarter, 30 06 39 27 P.M. For Lahaina, add 4 minutes 44 seconds. SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

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PORT OF HONOLULU.

Arrived. Dec 24-Haw sch Liholiho, im Hilo, with 128 bales pulu, 100 mats do, I bale fungus, 5 mats do, 23 hides, 28 pat skins, I bag coffee, 102 bbls molasses, etc., 84 days

the trip. Haw sch Mannokawai, Beckley, fin Kohala, Hang hogs, 350 lbs awa, 3 bales tobacco, etc. kai, Kaneakua, fur Molokai, with 6 cords wood Am sh Daring, Simonton, 1095@ons, 16 days im San Francisco, en route for Baker's Island. Am sh Leonidas, Wood, 636 tens, 43 days fm Por

Am sh Leonidas, Wood, 695 tens, 43 days fm Por Townsend, en route for Hongkong, with lumber 25—Peruvian bk Josefa Allyon, Colan, 196 tens, 40 days fm Caliao, en route for Hongkong. Russ war steamer Plastoon, Maskiewisch, 5 gas, .04 men, 40 days fm Hakodadi. Am wh sh Rapid, Drew, fm Kealakekun. Off and on Haw sch Kekauluohi, Marchant, Im Kona, with 20 k Oranges, 10 hides, 2300 goat akina, 6 tons coffee, 20

bags puin, 19 hogs, etc, etc. Maria, Candage, im Kalepotepo and Lahaina, un 20 cords wood, etc. Louika, fm Lahaina, with 110 bble sweet potatoes

26—Hokulele, fm Puuloa, with 40 tons salt for the Frances Palmer and Vernon.

27—Live Yankee, Merse, fm Lahaina and Molokai, with 60 nags Lime, 100 hags salt, 2 horses, 100 lbs but. ter, hogs, fowls, etc. etc. 28—Kaluna, Antonio, fm sea, in distress, having lost be

forema-t. Kamoiwahine, Kuheana, fm Koloa and Nawiliw'i with 150 bbls molasses, 100 kegs sugar, 74 bbl beef, etc. etc. 29—Haw sch Kamoi, Wilbur, fm Lahaina, with 400 bbls set

potatoes, I bale fungus, etc. 30—Haw sch Henry, McGregor, fm Kawaihae and Lahan with potatoes and hides. Haw sch Hokulele, fm Puuloa, with salt. lasses, sugar, flour, 200 goat skins, etc. Baw sch Warwick, Keoni, fm Molokai, 98 bags lime.

Sailed.

Dec 27 - Haw sch flokulele, fr Puuloa. Kalama, Borres, for Labaina, Kohala and Kamehameha, Henry, fr Kona, Hawaii. Kezolele, fr Molokai Liholiho, fr Kohala and Hilo. Manuokawai, Beckley, for Lahaina, Kohala

sloop Emma, fr Hanalei. Ewa, fr Kona, Hawaii Live Yankee, Morse, fr Lahaina and Kilepolepo, sch Kekauluohi, Marchant, fr Lahaina

Am whish Rapid, Drew, to cruise westward Mary, Bertill, fr Kawaihae. 30—Haw sch Mariida, Hooper, fr Fanning's Island. Am bg Agate, Lawton, fr McKean's Island.

MEMORANDA.

The steamer Plastoon, Capt Maskiewitch, left Hakola Nov 15. Had pleasant weather most of the passage: thefire 18 days Northerly winds. Took the trades Dec 3, in lat 24 3) N. Encountered a rather severe southerly gale Dec 20, in ht 25 N, but received no damage. Left at Hakodadi a Russia steamer similar to the Plastoon; also two British bks and a British sch, traders between that port and Shanghae. Tas wh sh Florida, Williams, F H, left Nov 12, bound to N Zesland, all well, 300 sp. 900 wh on board. The Russian Admi-

ral, with 2 sloops of war, left Hakodadi Nev 5, bound to Su Francisco and from thence to this port. The sch Kaluna, Capt Antonio, on her way to Hilo, having touched at Lahaina and Koha'a, encountered a severe blow on Sunday evening and carried away her foremast; put back

The ship Leonidas, Capt Wood, sailed from Port Townsend Nov 11, bound to Hongkong with a cargo of lumber. Experienced very rugged weather, heavy gales from S E and S W. On the third day out had to heave part of the deck-load overheard

der. Dec 17, passed the Jenny Ford, 10 days out from this port. The bark Josefa Allyon, Capt Colau, sailed from Callac Nov. 6, and from Santa seven days afterwards. Had very had weinto this port to repair and to dispose of a part of her cargo.

IMPORTS AT HONOLULU

FROM TERKALET-per bkt Jenny Ford, Nov 27. ... 264 Salmon, bbls., FROM SAN FRANCISCO - per seh Far West, Nov 30. FROM SAN FRANCISCO-per sch Jennie Lee, Dec 5. FROM PRINCIPAULOSEI-per brig Hero, Dec 7. 4 Oil (wh) cks ...

.1 Preserves, cs .

1 Shirts, cs 99 Slippers (China) cs... 1 Slush, bbis.... China ware, cs. Cologne, es., Tar (coal) bbls . Desks (camphor). 1 Tar (Stockholm) bbls. 0 Tobacco, cs..... S Trunks (camphor) sets .

FROM FANNING'S ISDAND—per sch Mariida, Dec 15.

FROM LONDON-per bk Sea Nymph, Dec 15.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO-per bk Frances Palmer, Dec 16. .10; Milk, cs ... 1 Oil, caks. Beef, hf bbls 2 Oil, conl, tin Beer, caks .. .4 Onions, bags ... Bell and fixts 1 Pails, pkgs .

176 Paper, pkgs . Brandy, octs...... Brandied peaches, c 10 Pickaxes Bricks, M. 10 Picture, cs., .10 Picture frame, giit. Butter, firkins 40 Plants, bxs . Candy, bxs .. 12 Potatoes, bags Candles, bxs. 5 Preserves, bx. ...l Rakes, bdl Cigars bx Saddlery, cs Clothing, pkg

I Saleratus, cs. Crackers, tins. Crowbars, pags ... 2 Seeds, pkgs ... Drugs and medicin 5 Shirts, cs Dry goods, cs., Fire clay, bbls. 3 Soup, cs Fish (salt) pkgs.

Flower pots, large. Fruit, bakt. 1 Tacks, bxs Gaiters, cs. Tobacco, cs .. 2 Tongues (sheep) doz. Hams cs.. Hose and coupling, pkg Vesting, pkg ... Jars, glass,bbl

I Verdigris, es..... 1 Water colors, pkg... 2 Whisky, bbls Lamps, coal oil. 2 Wicking, cs.... Mail matter, bag. 88 Wine, Muscat, cs., FROM BOSTON-to arrive, per sh Syren, salled Oct 31. I Kettles and pans

17 Kaolin, bbls Bricks, fire Lead, whi, xegs Burry machine, by 1 Lanterus, cs . I Lamps and shades, cks . 1 Linseed oil, bbls . Bedsteads, bx.

Brend, pkgs., 14 Metal, packs. Bread, pipes. 203 Marble, cs ... Beef, bbis. 10 Monument, pcs...134 Machinery, cs... Books, es. Boots and shoes, es ...1 Melodeon, cs..... 10 Miss. goods, pkgs. Blacking, bbl Beeswax, bxs ters, bxs.. 20 Mats and bags, cs ... 1 Mast hoops ... Bridles, bx . Butter, csk Butter, hf bbls J Nails, kegs... 3 Nuts, bbls...

.9 Oil, cs 100 Oakum, bales Brooms, bills Blocks, csk .. 1 Oars ... 72 Ox bows . Baskets 20 Ox yokes ... 1,061 Pumps, bxs..... Brandy, galls ...

3,000 Pick axes, bxs Boat boards, ft S6,505 Pictures, cs...... 723 Pianofortes, cs... Boards, ft. Clapboards, bdls Pickets. Plank, ft.

1 Preserves, &c, bxs... 1 Pork, bbls.....